



County Senior Squad Newsletter - April 2024

Welcome:

Please join me in welcoming several new archers to our Development Squad:

- Former junior compound national champion, Alfie Wilkes of Deer Park, took a few years off from archery but has recently returned to full competition mode!
- Mark Jefferies is also from Deer Park and shoots Barebow. His daughter Eva (also BB) is only 9 and has already represented the county at a team tournament.
- Camilla Sweet from Newnham has recently moved from Barebow to Longbow...and loves it! She also has a young daughter, Jessica who is only 8, and who has already represented the county at two junior team tournaments. I believe this might be the first mother-daughter longbow duo in recent history.

Welcome Alfie, Mark and Camilla!

Farewell:

Sadly, we lose another amazing coach, Penny Smith, who attended her last coaching session with our county last month. Penny is a county level coach and began supporting our junior team back in 2020. She moved to the Minehead area in 2021 and yet continued to impressively attend our county coaching sessions and work with our archers, despite the 4-hour round trip. Sadly, there is no possibility of commuting from Northumberland which is where Penny is moving to in June. We will miss her and we thank her so very much for her dedication and invaluable support! Good luck, Penny, with the move!

GWAS Regional Senior Inter-Counties:

Hot off the press! This year, both the junior and senior GWAS Regional Inter-County Championships will be held at Cleve! The Junior tournament will be on Saturday, September 21st, and the seniors will shoot the next day on Sunday, September 22nd.

The round has been confirmed as a Double 720 and the team composition will be as follows:

Recurve Men x4
Recurve Women x3
Compound Men x3
Compound Women x2
Longbow Men x2
Longbow Women x2
Barebow Men x2
Barebow Women x2
for a total of 20 archers per team.

County Senior Round Robin Practice:

The county will be hosting a Senior Round Robin practice at Deer Park, Shurdington on **Sunday, April 21st**, giving archers an opportunity to practice H2H skills in a relaxed, no-pressure environment.

Based on a pre-arranged rota, there are no eliminations and everyone gets a chance to spend the same amount of time on the shooting line. If we have time, we will add knock outs after the initial rota. Groups will be limited to no more than 6.

Depending on the numbers in each bow type group, we may have to mix disciplines. If this is the case, then a handicap system will be used.

This practice will be run like a tournament with timing system, a T.O. (Peter Sisson) and a judge (Declan Ashworth).

Assembly will be at 12:45PM and we will begin shooting promptly at 1:00PM. We are expecting to finish by 4:30PM at the latest.

Barebow and Compound will be shooting at 50m.

Recurve and Longbow will be shooting at 70m.

However, if you shoot Longbow or Recurve and have not been able to reach 70m yet, you are welcome to join the BB and CU group at 50m.

There is a £5 practice fee per archer. 100% of this covers venue hire.

RSVP with Elaina is essential. If you would like to participate, please let me know as soon as possible so Peter has time to organise the rota.

Worcestershire-Gloucestershire Friendly Update:

This year's Friendly will be hosted by Stourbridge Company of Archers on Sunday, May 12. The round will be a Double WA720 and WA122 for juniors, UKRS status.

The invitation process had ground to a halt for a period as Worcestershire had to re-evaluate the number of archers they can accommodate due to the recent addition of an obstruction on their range. The team numbers had to be reduced slightly for Men's and Women's Recurve in order to ensure there were enough bosses for the juniors. This reduction does not affect any of the archers who have already been invited. They will still be able to shoot.

We are now free to finalise the team. I will be counting on early outdoor scores to finalise the remaining places.

Western & Welsh Counties Mixed Team and Open WA720 and H2H (WRS):

Entries are now open exclusively to County Team Managers for this event. **Open individual and team archers will be able to enter from May 1st.**

This event will be held at Deer Park on Sunday, June 9, as part of Deer Park's Anniversary Weekend. This tournament will be a copy of the Day 2 format from the National County Team Championships, offering an opportunity for archers to prepare for the NCTC and/or gain experience with Mixed Team H2H skills.

In order to book a place, please access Deer Park's Bookwhen system. Here is the link:

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-sg9m-20240609090000>

Indoor Classification Awards:

Please note that the Indoor Classification Badges (IGMB, IMB, etc) will be administered by individual club records officers. Please do contact your club for further information on how to submit your classification and ensure that your top 3 indoor scores have been recognised and logged.

Gloucestershire 3rd Annual Winter Postal 2024:

The County Winter Postal officially concluded with the Lottery Draw at Cheltenham's Easter Bunny on April 1st. For the past three years, our county winter postal has gone from strength to strength and every year sees an increase in participation. Statistics:

Number of Participating Clubs:

- 2022: 5
- 2023: 9
- 2024: 8

Total Number of Archers:

- 2022: 51
- 2023: 82
- 2024: 87

Total Number of Rounds Entered:

- 2022: 203
- 2023: 258
- 2024: 306

Number of Lottery Tickets Issued:

- 2022: 1,015
- 2023: 1,290
- 2024: 1,530

Thank you to all the archers who participated, the clubs and coaches who organised group Short Gloucester rounds, **Bob Nicholls** for managing the IT so ably and Cheltenham Archers who kindly allowed us some time at the Easter Bunny to hold our lottery draw.

Congratulations to the 5 lottery winners:

- 1) Karen Macey (DPA)
- 2) Pat Holroyd (Great Rissington)
- 3) Grace Curran (DPA)

- 4) Sam Bowden (DPA)
- 5) Esme Simpson (Newnham)

County Rankings:

We will be reviving our county rankings this month and publishing rolling rankings for both our junior and senior archers for the 2024 outdoor season. You will be able to find the rankings on our county webpage in the drop-down list under "Records".

Last year, I had searched for and manually entered over 700 individual scores overall. There is always a possibility that I might miss the odd tournament. If you notice that any of your highest scores have not been included in the rankings, please let me know.

Here is an outline of how the ranking table will work:

- we will only be taking scores from "Prestige" rounds (WA720; York/Hereford and WA 1440). You can "shoot up" to longer rounds but cannot submit rounds for shorter distances.
- scores will be accepted from record-status or non-record status tournaments and from Club Target Days
- scores will be converted into handicaps, the average of your best 3 handicaps will be used to create the rankings
- the scores will largely be added by the team manager. However, if any have been missed, contact Elaina or alternately, archers can submit scores by completing the following form online:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfRY-tWRwWu4Ur5IC7EfgBd5kpKksPGP2bGxv7HH7xul8Myw/viewform>

- the rolling ranking system will be updated regularly on the County website

Western & Welsh Counties Indoor Team Championships Review:

Gloucestershire hosted this inaugural event at the stunning Sports Hall at Hartpury College and University on March 9th, in tandem with the Gloucestershire Senior Indoor Championships. We were happy to welcome teams from 4 visiting counties - Glamorgan, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire, with nearly 160 archers attending in all. There were some impressive performances from all counties represented as both junior and senior mixed teams battled for trophies. The higher the team was ranked, the more points a county was awarded. The county with the most points would be set to win the overall Championship Trophies.

Thanks to the brilliant effort by our Gloucestershire archers, our county impressively secured 5 team trophies:

Senior Recurve Team
Senior Barebow Team
Senior Longbow Team
Junior Compound Team
Junior Barebow Team

We managed to earn enough points to also win the Overall Junior Team Championship and the Senior Team Championship Trophies!

Well done to our entire Gloucestershire County Indoor Team - each and every one contributed to the day's success:

SENIORS:

Longbow:

Grace Curran (Deer Park)

Sean Kains (Deer Park)

Kevin Macey (Deer Park)

Barebow:

Paul McCormack (Tockington)

Isabel Plowman (Newnham)

Luke Yates (Cleve)

Recurve:

Roisin Mooney (University of Bristol)

Riley Spencer-Nice (Deer Park)

Alec Thomas (Cleve)

Compound:

Louise Bassett (Deer Park)

Amy Bode (University of Bristol)

Kieran Macey (Deer Park)

JUNIORS:

Recurve:

Carlos Amata (Cheltenham)

Jasmine Kendall (Cleve)

Sophie Leivers (Cheltenham)

Compound:

Harriet Beckinsale-Smith (Deer Park)

Ryan Faulkner (Deer Park)

Lily Wright (Deer Park)

Barebow:

Sam Bowden (Deer Park)

Eva Jefferies (Deer Park)

Jack Palmer (Deer Park)

Longbow:

Jessica Sweet (Newnham)

Many thanks and much gratitude to Jeff Grinnell and Cheltenham Archers for the loan of the foam bosses and netting; Deer Park for providing the straw bosses; Paul Honour, our brilliant County Chair, for building the stand alone, custom-made curtain rail; Peter Sisson, our Tournament Organiser Extraordinaire who seamlessly and expertly ran 2 separate events at the same time; Roger Crang for all his support; the brilliant volunteers at Deer Park's Men In Sheds who worked for months creating the lovely trophies; Kevin Macey who hand made the unique, laser-burned wooden disk medals; Amanda Cale and Classy Glass who provided the engraving on the trophies and Perspex design; Grace Curran who designed the event logo; Wales Archery Specialists for generously supporting and sponsoring our event; the small army of dedicated helpers from Deer Park Archers, Great Rissington and Cheltenham Archers who put so much effort into setting up, field crew on the day, helping at the cake stall, and packing everything away after a very long day. Thank you to our judges Adrian Gifkins, Richard Jones, Andrew Stanford and Graham Kent. And a very big thank you to the team at Hartpury College who were such a pleasure to work with. This event was years in the making and dependent on the valuable contributions of so many people. Thank you, everyone, for making this happen. Already looking forward enormously to next year's event!

Tournament Results:

Here are the top performances and highlights for the last six weeks of the indoor season:

European Indoor Championships from Croatia (Feb 19-24):

Isabel Plowman clinched the European Barebow title for U21 Women after placing 3rd in qualifying (443) and subsequently winning CHAMPIONSHIP GOLD in the H2H's.

TEAM GOLD for **Isabel Plowman** and **Emily Summers** for U21 Barebow Women

SILVER for **Chloe A'Bear** for U21 CU Women

BRONZE medal for **Ella Gibson** for Women's CU.

GWAS Indoor Championships - WA18 (Mar 3):

GOLD and Regional Champions:

Helen Courquin - Women's RC (530)

Grace Curran - Women's LB (420) + IGMB + **UK REC**

Isabel Plowman - U21 Women's BB (458) + IMB

SILVER:

Kevin Macey - Men's LB (333) + IMB (50+)

Kieran Macey - Men's CU (577) + IMB

Sophie Brain - Women's BB (342)

Maja Kliczka - Women's U21 RC (417)

Alex Williams - Men's RC (551)

BRONZE:

Debbie Teml - Women's CU (545)

Rikki Teml - Men's CU (568)

BUCS Indoor Champs - Central - Portsmouth (Feb 17):

SILVER for **Grace Chappell** - Women's CU - 591 + IGMB

BRONZE for **Chloe A'Bear** - Women's CU - 590 + IGMB

BUCS Indoor Champs - Southern - Portsmouth (Feb 24)

GOLD:

Roisin Mooney - Women's RC - 578 + IMB

Amy Bode - Women's CU - 565

BRONZE:

Adam Selman - Men's BB - 520

BUCS Indoor FINALS from Coventry - WA18 (Mar 16)

SILVER:

Chloe A'Bear - CU - 577 + IGMB (U21)

Roisin Mooney - RC - 564 + IMB

Special mention to **Adam Selman** who finished a very respectable 4th place out of a field of 47; and to **Grace Chappell** who shot an IMB score of 569.

Gloucestershire Senior Indoor Championships - Portsmouth (Mar 9):

GOLD and County Senior Champions:

Ryan Faulkner - CU - 578 + IGMB (U18)

Louise Bassett - CU - 577 + IGMB (U18)

Sam Bowden - BB - 543 + IGMB (U14)

Grace Curran - LB - 456 + IGMB (U21)

Sean Kains - 50+ LB - 469 + IGMB (50+)

Isabel Plowman - BB - 522 + IMB (U21)

Roisin Mooney - RC - 576 + IMB

Kevin Macey - LB - 463 - IMB (50+)

Lynn Benfield - 50+ LB - 378 + IMB (50+)

Rob Lygoe - 50+ RC - 575 + IMB (50+)

Karen Macey - 50+ RC - 529

Jeff Grinnell - 50+ CU - 561

Alec Thomas - RC - 581

David McDermott - 50+ BB - 507

SILVER:

Paul McCormack - BB - 531 + IMB (50+)

Riley Spencer-Nice - RC - 573 + IMB (U21)

Judy Krasker - LB - 346

Catherine Lygoe - BB - 495

Graham Peters - 50+ BB - 470

Lorna Stevens - RC - 570

Pat Holroyd - 50+ RC - 495

Kieran Macey - CU - 574

Amy Bode - CU - 572

BRONZE:

Jasmine Kendall - RC - 562 + IGMB (U18)

Ali Farmer - BB - 514
Emily Summers - BB - 460
Alex Williams (UofB) - RC - 570
Steven Martin - 50+ RC - 531
Rikki Teml - CU - 571
Debbie Teml - CU - 567

RJD Double Worcester (Mar 24):

Grace Curran - **2 UK RECS for U21 Women's LB** - Single round 218 and Double round 409 + 2x IGMB (U21)

Sam Bowden - **2 UK RECS for Barebow Men U14** - Single round 267 and Double round 527 + 2x IGMB (U14)

Sean Kains - LB - 2x GOLD - Single round 211 and Double round 392 + 1 IGMB (50+) and 1 IMB (50+)

Luke Yates - BB - 2x GOLD - Single round 255 and Double round 516

Judy Krasker - LB - 2x GOLD - Single round 112 and Double round 227

Karen Macey - RC - GOLD for Single round 233

Helen Pyle - RC - SILVER Single round 233 - GOLD Double round 463

Sophie Brain - BB - SILVER Single round 182 - GOLD Double round 380

Kieran Macey - CU - BRONZE Single round 300 - GOLD Double round 600

David Mc Dermott - BB - SILVER Single round 227 - BRONZE Double round 448

Tournament Listing:

The list of tournaments published here are either hosted by our county, neighbouring counties or are national comps.

AGB have announced the dates for **2024's National Events**. They are:

May 18-19 - UK 3D Championships - Deer Park - *entries opened January 19*
May 25-26 - UK Field Championships - Overton Black Arrows - *entries open February 22*
May 31-June 2 - GNAM - Lilleshall - *entries opened on February 8*
June 29-30 - UK Masters - Lilleshall - *entries open February 29*
August 3 - UK 50+ Championships - Evesham Archery Club - *entries open April 4*
August 10-11 - British Target Champs - Lilleshall - entries open - *entries open April 11*
September 14-15 - UK Disability Championships - Lilleshall - *entries open May 16*
September 28-29 - National County Team Championships - Lilleshall - *entries opened on February 8*
October 19 - National Clout Championships - York Archers Society
December 6-7 - National Indoor Championship Weekend

National Tour Dates:

April 28 - Stage 1 Bucks or Bounty - Lilleshall - *entries opened January 25*
June 29-30 - Stage 2 and UK Masters - Lilleshall - *entries open February 29*
July 13-14 - Stage 3 - Surrey - *entries open February 15*
July 20-21 - Stage 4 - Barnsley - *entries open March 14*
August 10-11 - Stage 5 and British Target Champs - Lilleshall - *entries open April 11*
September 7-8 - The Final - Wollaton Hall, Nottingham - *invitation only*

OUTDOOR SEASON:

April 6 - Redhill Spring Double WRS WA720 - Birmingham

April 7 - Meriden WA720 & H2H

April 14 - Bath Albion

<https://batharchers.org/events/2024/Bath%20Albion%202024%20Entry%20Form.pdf>

April 21 - Gloucestershire Senior Round Robin - County squad event at Deer Park

April 28 - National Tour Stage 1 Bucks & Bounty - Lilleshall - entries on Sport 80

May 5 - Cleve Spring tournament - Double WA720 - WRS - *Waiting list only*

May 6 - Redhill Open American - non-record status - Birmingham - *Waiting list only*

May 12 - Worcestershire-Gloucestershire County Team Friendly - Double WA720 - UKRS
- *invitation only*

May 18 - Llantarnam Double WA720 - Newport, Wales

<https://www.welsharcheryassociation.com/events/v/59-llantarnam-archery-club-double-720/>

May 18-19 - UK 3D Championships - Deer Park - entries on Sport 80

NEW: May 19 - Burnham Company of Archers - May Open - Double WA720 - non-record status

https://www.somersetarchery.co.uk/tournaments/entry_forms/Burnham%20May%20Open%2019%20May%202024.pdf

May 19 - Bromyard Bowmen - 23rd Open WA 900 and Junior 900 rounds

<https://bromyardbowmen.org/resources/forms/entry-form-wa-900-2024.pdf>

May 19 - Black & Gold Spring Tournament - Imperial and National rounds

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLZpn0EfAeniL6vVJziL8r-tZtocOkkSG8EgodJjo2XOk7iA/viewform>

May 25-26 - UK Field Championships - Overton - entries on Sport 80

NEW: May 27 - Meriden Spring Bank Holiday WA720 & H2H -

<https://meriden-archery.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Prospectus-270524.pdf>

May 31-June 2 - GNAM - National and Double Imperial - Lilleshall - *entries on Sport 80*

June 2 - Minchinhampton Tournament - National and Imperial rounds

<https://www.bowmenofminchinhampton.co.uk/courses/bom-annual-tournament/>

June 8 - Deer Park WA720 & H2H -WRS

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-s57l-20240608090000>

June 9 - Western & Welsh Counties County Mixed Team and Open WA720 & H2H - WRS - Deer Park - Entries now open to county team managers. Entries to open to open archers on May 1st.

[DPA Open Events - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

NEW: June 15 - Bath Novices Tournament -

<https://batharchers.org/events/2024/Bath%20Novices%202024%20Entry%20Form.pdf>

June 22 - Oxfordshire Senior Outdoor Championships - Wallingford

<https://www.wallingfordcastle.co.uk/tournaments/coas-outdoors-2024/>

NEW: June 22 - Deer Park Inaugural Run Archery Event -

NEW: June 29 - Coastal Archers Longbow Two-Way Western Meet - UKRS and Tassel Award Status

https://www.somersetarchery.co.uk/tournaments/entry_forms/Coastal%20Clout%209%20June%202024%20A4.pdf

June 29-30 - UK Masters & National Tour Stage 2- Lilleshall - *entries on Sport 80*

June 30 - Gloucestershire Combined Outdoor County Championships - 1440 and Metrics - WRS - Deer Park

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-sgpe-20240630090000>

July 7 - Dorset & Wiltshire 1440 - WRS 1440 + Metrics + Short Metrics - Supermarine, Swindon

<http://www.supermarinebowmen.org.uk/Resources/Uploads/DWAA%201440%207th%20July%202024%20Prospectus%20and%20Entry.pdf>

July 7 - Tockington Archers BBQ Shoot - Nationals rounds

<https://tockingtonarchers.co.uk/43rd-open-summer-tournament-2023/>

July 13 - Wallingford Summer Metrics -

<https://www.wallingfordcastle.co.uk/tournaments/summer-metrics-2024/>

July 14 - Catherine Oldacre Tournament - UKRS - Imperial rounds - Cheltenham Archers

<https://bookwhen.com/cheltenhamarchers/e/ev-sj8x-20240714080000>

July 14 -21 - Dunster Week - more information available from the GWAS website

NEW: July 14 - Rat's Ashes - American/St. Nicholas rounds - Stourbridge Co. of Archers -

https://www.scoa.org.uk/files/ugd/4a1a5a_d971a9abedc74c0a9fc5d00cb19788c3.pdf

July 20-21 - National Tour Stage 4 - Barnsley - *entries on Sport 80*

July 21 - Deer Park UKRS Warwick and Fun H2H

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-ss96-20240721090000>

NEW: July 27-28 - Cleve FITA Weekend -

<https://clevearchers.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Cleve-WA-Weekend-Prospectus-2024.pdf>

July 28 - Aubrey Ison Memorial Shoot & BBQ - WA70m and Long Metrics for juniors - Bromyard Bowmen

<https://bromyardbowmen.org/resources/forms/entry-form-aubrey-ison-mem-2024.pdf>

NEW: July 28 - West Midlands and Open Senior Championships - Double WA720 - *n/a*

August 3 - UK 50+ Championships - Evesham - *entries open on Sport 80 on April 4*

NEW: August 3 - Wallingford WA720 -

<https://www.wallingfordcastle.co.uk/tournaments/7th-wca-720/>

August 4 - Black & Gold Summer Tournament - Imperial and National rounds

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5P55OpcjkBaqqpCvT5j3tI-7EG8CbmKsXjqQnTodBPRI62A/viewform>

August 10-11 - British Target Champs & National Tour Stage 5 - Lilleshall - *entries open April 11*

August 11 - Bath Hereford - *entries not open yet*

NEW: August 11 - Stourbridge Albion and Windsor rounds -

https://www.scoa.org.uk/files/ugd/4a1a5a_09eea9b79a1a49c081d967db45f3a4d7.pdf

August 11 - Deer Park All Day Imperial - UKRS and Rose Award Status -

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-sdcr-20240811090000>

NEW: Afternoon Tea Shoot - Cleve - non-record status National rounds and Afternoon Tea - includes novice rounds

<https://clevearchers.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Cleve-Afternoon-Tea-Shoot-2024.pdf>

September 1 - Supermarine Marston Arrow - Hereford/Bristol/National rounds

<http://www.supermarinebowmen.org.uk/Resources/Uploads/Marston%20Arrow%201st%20September%202024%20%20Prospectus%20and%20Entry%20Details.pdf>

September 1 - Stourbridge Sheriff's Western - Western rounds - UKRS

https://www.scoa.org.uk/files/ugd/4a1a5a_b31c6f7a6d194c05a7ac619d3547c10e.pdf

Upcoming Gloucestershire County Tournaments - reminder:

April 28 - County Senior Round Robin practice - Deer Park - RSVP with Elaina

May 5 - Cleve Spring Tournament - Double WA720

May 18-19 - UK Field Championships - Deer Park

May 19 - Black & Gold Spring Tournament

June 2 - Minchinhampton Tournament